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ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_b. ☒ Enclosedi. ☒ Amendment/Replyiii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)ii. ☒ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)iv. ☒ Other POA Form SB81 (2 forms)**2. Miscellaneous**a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)b. ☒ Other Rule 91 Petition; return postcard**3. Fees**

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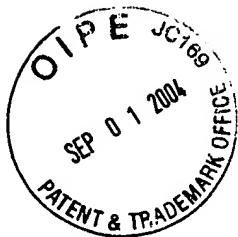
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For : *MUTING GENE ACTIVITY*  
*USING A TRANSGENIC NUCLEIC ACID*

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AMENDMENT,  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION, AND  
PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.91

Honorable Commissioner:

This paper is filed in response to Examiner's Office Action, made final, dated June 1, 2004, and includes a Request for Continuing Examination and a Petition under 37 CFR § 1.91 for entry of the accompanying Rule 131 Declaration as part of the record of the application.

Applicants here submit amendments to Claim 11 and request that Examiner reconsiders the patentability of the claims as amended. The attorney docket number and associated customer number have changed to reflect the change in attorney for Applicants (please see Power of Attorney and Correspondence Address Indication (Form SB81), filed with this RCE).

Applicants' Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper and Argument begins on page 9.